



# Opening Doors, Changing Lives

DIVISION OF MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES

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## GVDC Hosts Aquatics Meet

On Wednesday March 21, 2001 Greene Valley Developmental Center hosted the Area 10 Developmental Aquatics Meet. There were athletes from Greene, Hambleton, Cocke and Sevier counties.

Athletes participated in events such as the 10 meter assisted and unassisted swim, floatation swim, and swim walks. All together there were 165 athletes, coaches, and spectators who enjoyed the day of fun and competition.



Above, Casey Cope prepares for her next event.

## Special Athletes Compete

The Spring 2001 Tennessee Special Olympics were held in Clarksville on Thursday, April 26th. About 350 athletes were featured.

All special needs athletes from Montgomery and Robertson counties were divided by ability for each event at the Austin Peay State University track.

The Special Olympics gives athletes an opportunity to compete that they wouldn't otherwise have. Without generous donations of local businesses, individuals and caring volunteers there wouldn't be a Special Olympics.

Wendy's restaurant and Coca-Cola provided lunch for about 700 people during the spring games.

About 20 soldiers from the National Infantrymen's Association helped out with the day's programs.

## Resource Links

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
[www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)

American Association on Mental Retardation  
[www.aamr.org](http://www.aamr.org)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

Arc of Tennessee  
[www.thearc.tn.org](http://www.thearc.tn.org)

The Arc of the United States  
[www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)

Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy  
[www.aabt.org](http://www.aabt.org)

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
[www.fcmh.org](http://www.fcmh.org)

National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems  
[www.protectionandadvocacy.com](http://www.protectionandadvocacy.com)

Additional resource links can be found at  
[www.state.tn.us/mental/reslinks/reslinks.html](http://www.state.tn.us/mental/reslinks/reslinks.html)

## Walking in Memphis and in the 21st Century Theme of Arc Conference

The Mid-South Arc will be hosting the Arc of Tennessee's Annual Conference in Memphis. It will take place June 14th to June 17th at the Holiday Inn Select Airport at 2240 Democrat Road.

Agencies and organizations from across the state are invited to set up exhibitions and vendor displays for the

attendees. They will be displayed all day Friday, June 15th and until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16th. Set up times will be from 7:30a.m. to 8:00a.m. each morning. For information on setting up a booth please contact Joy Hartman Hale at (901) 327-2473 or (800) 835-7077.

## WEB POSTINGS

<http://www.state.tn.us/mental2/>

Announcements, draft policies, final policies and information bulletins all appear on our Web site. Recent activities include:

### DRAFT POLICIES

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY TITLE	CONTACT PERSON	EFFECTIVE DATE
DMRS-1998-60 REVISED	Comm. Incidents & Investigations	Doug Burroughs	2/22/01

### INFORMATION BULLETINS

BULLETIN NUMBER	BULLETIN TITLE	CONTACT PERSON	EFFECTIVE DATE
01-09	Skin Cancer (Malignant Melanoma)	Ruth Givens	3/13/01
01-10	Establishment Grants for People Entering Supported Living Services	Donna Alen	3/30/01
01-11	Stress Management	Ruth Givens	01/30/01
01-12	Diabetes	Ruth Givens	04/23/01

## Staff Announcements

The Division of Mental Retardation Services would like to welcome the following additions to our Central Office staff:

Paula McHenry is the new Independent Support Coordination Director. Paula will be responsible for the supervision and coordination of the ISC system. She has relocated to the Nashville area from Wichita, Kansas. Paula can be reached at (615) 532-6545.

Marlenia Overholt has transferred from the Knoxville Regional Office as our new Health Coordinator. She will be responsible for the Death Reporting System and Death Reviews. Marlenia can be reached at (615) 253-6095.



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## Conferences

**Front Line Supervisors and  
Managers Training  
May 15 or 16, 2001**

West Tennessee Region  
Contact Loretta Motley  
Phone: (901) 685-3901, ext. 147

**May 21 or 22, 2001**  
Middle Tennessee Region  
Contact Tina Mount  
Phone: (615) 231-5080

**May 29 - 31, 2001**  
**NASDDDS Mid-Year Meeting**  
The Westin River North  
Chicago, Illinois  
For More Information Call  
(703) 683-4202

**June 1, 2001**  
**Regions VI and VII Suicide  
Prevention Conference**  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Contact: Ken and Madge Tullis  
(901) 767-1469

**RESCHUDLED from May 21  
June 8, 2001**  
**Region III Suicide Prevention  
Conference**  
UT Chattanooga  
Chattanooga  
Contact: Melissa Wilson  
423-622-9311

### Central and Regional Information Specialists

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Larry Grimes	Central Office-Nashville	(615)741-0376	(615)532-9940
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Tricia Price	Nashville Regional Office	(615)231-5033	(615)231-5150
Fred Coe	Knoxville Regional Office	(865)588-0508 Ext.108	(865)594-5180

**Toll Free Lines**  
**For Complaints or Information, Call**  
Central Office-Nashville 1-800-535-9725  
Memphis Regional Office 1-800-308-2586  
Nashville Regional Office 1-800-654-4839  
Knoxville Regional Office 1-888-310-4613

**Web Site**  
Commission on Compliance/  
Division of Mental Retardation  
Services Web Site:  
<http://www.state.tn.us/mental2/>

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